

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
AMARILLO DIVISION

AMERICAN HEALTH CARE  
ASSOCIATION, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ROBERT F. KENNEDY, JR., *et al.*,

Defendants.

2:24-CV-114-Z-BR (lead)  
2:24-CV-171-Z (consolidated)

**ORDER**

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(d) states that an action does not cease when a public official who is a party to the action leaves office for any reason. Instead, the “officer’s successor is automatically substituted as a party.” FED. R. CIV. P. 25(d). Further proceedings “should be in the substituted party’s name.” *Id.* “The court may order substitution at any time . . .” *Id.* Accordingly, the Court **ORDERS** that Xavier Becerra, former Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, be terminated as a party and that Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, be substituted. The Court further **ORDERS** that Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, former Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, be terminated as a party and that Mehmet Oz, Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, be substituted.

**SO ORDERED.**

April 7, 2025

  
MATTHEW J. KACSMARYK  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE